Mans 3 Estates (In The Walk Towards Salvation)

Man has a progression of 3 estates from birth to death (pertaining to salvation). The estates are;

- *Damnation*
- *To be reformed, a reformation*
- *To be regenerated, a regeneration*

A man's estate (condition of existence), is the degree and quality of his standing in relationship to his love and obedience towards God and ultimately leading to salvation at death of the flesh.

A man's first estate of damnation

1Ti 5:12 Having damnation, because they have cast off their first faith.

Damnation in the Greek Text; G2917 κρίμα From G2919; a decision (the function or the effect, for or against ["crime"]). G2919 κρίνω Properly to distinguish, that is, decide (mentally or judicially); by implication to try, condemn, punish.

Summarizing;
Having damnation is having the option to properly distinguish and decide a for or against position, in the mind. The first faith is faith you inherited from creation.
We can see in this next verse that resistance, or making the wrong decision receives damnation.

Romans 13:2 Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.

(Damnation in NT verses; Mat 23:14, Mat 23:33, Mark 3:29, Mark 12:40, Luke 20:47; John 5:29, Rom 3:8, 1Co 11:29, 2Peter 2:3) (Damned is found 3 times; Mark 16:16, Rom 14:23, 2Th 2:12)

John 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

John 5:29 And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

The Second Estate; Being Reformed

Making the decision to avoid damnation leads to the second estate of being reformed.

Leviticus 26:23-24 And if ye will not be reformed by me by these things, but will walk contrary unto me; Then will I also walk contrary unto you, and will punish you yet seven times for your sins.

Roadblocks to reformation can be in the a soul returning to a former state, (to not think from God but from self. Illness where one can not rationalize. Bodily illness not in a state for freedom. A state of blindness of understanding truths, or God closes their eyes.

The Greek word for reformed is; H3256 יָסַר A primitive root; to chastise, literally (with blows) or figuratively (with words); hence to instruct: - bind, chasten, chastise, correct, instruct, punish, reform, reprove, sore, teach.
The English definition of reformed is to be caused to abandon an evil manner of living and follow a good one.

Man's Third Estate; Regeneration

Titus 3:5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

Regeneration in the Greek Text; G3824 παλιγγενεσία From G3825 and G1078; (spiritual) rebirth (the state or the act), that is, (figuratively) spiritual renovation; specifically Messianic restoration: -

regeneration. G3825 πάλιν Probably from the same as G3823 (through the idea of oscillatory repetition); (adverbially) anew, that is, (of place) back, (of time) once more, or (conjugationally) furthermore or on the other hand: - again.

We can see that the regeneration process is in the same sense going from damnation to reformation previously discussed.
Going from the physical material world in their walk with God to the deeper spiritual relationship that takes "heaven" within us to that higher estate.

It begins when a man desists from evils as sins, progresses as he shuns them, and is perfected as he battles against them.

But he becomes spiritual only in the measure in which he is in truths. Everyone is regenerated by means of truths and of a life in accord with them; by truths he knows life and by his life he does the truths.

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